

Study Questions for Citizenship

Notes: The information denoted with an asterix is current as of August 2005 for the state of Rode Island- You may need to update this information under items 14,15,31,40,41,42,43,50,101 and 102.**

1. Q. What are the colors of our flag?
A. Red, white, and blue
2. Q. How many stars are there in our flag?
A. Fifty (50)
3. Q. What colors are the stars on our flag?
A. White
4. Q. What do the stars on our flag mean?
A. One for each state in the Union (United States)
5. Q. How many stripes are there in the flag?
A. Thirteen (13)
6. Q. What color are the stripes?
A. Red and white
7. Q. What do the stripes on the flag mean?
A. They represent the original thirteen (13) states
8. Q. How many states are there in the Union (United States)?
A. Fifty (50)
9. Q. What is the fourth of July?
A. Independence Day
10. Q. What is the date of Independence Day?
A. The Fourth of July
11. Q. Independence from whom?
A. England
12. Q. What country did we fight during the Revolution War?
A. England
13. Q. Who was the first President of the United States?
A. George Washington

- **14. Q. Who is the President of the United States today?
A. George Bush
- **15. Q. Who is the Vice-President of the United States today?
A. Richard Cheney
16. Q. Who elects the President of the United States?
A. The Electoral College
17. Q. Who became President of the United States if the President should die?
A. Vice-President
18. Q. For how long do we elect the President?
A. For (4) years
19. Q. What is the Constitution?
A. The supreme law of the land
20. Q. Can the Constitution be changed?
A. Yes
21. Q. What do we call a change to the Constitution?
A. An amendment
22. Q. How many changes or amendments are there to the Constitution?
A. Twenty-seven (27)
23. Q. How many branches are there in our government?
A. Three (3)
24. Q. What are the three branches of our government?
A. Legislative, executive, and judicial
25. Q. What is the legislative branch of our government?
A. Congress
26. Q. Who makes the laws of the United States?
A. Congress
27. Q. What is the Congress?
A. The Senate and the House of Representatives
28. Q. What are the duties of Congress?
A. To make laws

29. Q. Who elects Congress?
A. The people
30. Q. How many senators are there in Congress?
A. One hundred (100)
- **31. Q. Can you name the two senators from your state?
A. Senators Jack Reed and Lincoln Chafee
32. Q. For how long do we elect each senator?
A. Six (6) years
33. Q. How many representatives are there in Congress?
A. For hundred and thirty – five (435)
34. Q. For how long do we elect the representatives?
A. Two (2) years
35. Q. What is the executive branch of our government?
A. the President, the Cabinet, and departments under the Cabinet members
36. Q. What is the judicial branch of our government?
A. The Supreme Court
37. Q. What are duties of the Supreme Court?
A. To interpret laws
38. Q. What is the supreme law of the United States?
A. The Constitution
39. Q. What is the Bill of Rights?
A. The first ten amendments to the Constitution
- **40. Q. What is the Capital of your state?
A. Providence
- **41. Q. Who is the current governor of your state?
A. Lincoln Almond
- **42. Q. Who becomes President of the United States if the President and the Vice-President should die?
A. Speaker of the House of Representatives, Dennis Hastert
- **43. Q. Who is the chief Justice of the Supreme Court?
A. William Rehnquist
44. Q. Can you name the thirteen original states?

- A. Connecticut, New Hampshire, New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Rhode Island and Maryland
45. Q. Who said “Give me liberty or give me death”?
A. Patrick Henry
46. Q. Which countries were our principal allies (friends) during World War II?
A. United Kingdom (Great Britain), Canada, Australia, New Zealand, France, Russia (U.S.S.R.), and China
47. Q. What is the 49th state of the Union (United States)?
A. Alaska
48. Q. How many terms can a President serve?
A. Two (2)
49. Q. Who was Martin Luther King, Jr.?
A. A civil rights leader
- **50. Q. Who is the head of your local government?
A. Providence: Mayor Vincent Cianci, Pawtucket: James E. Doyle, Central Falls: Lee M Matthews, Cranston: John O’Leary, Warwick: Scott Avedisian.
51. Q. According to the Constitution, a person must meet certain requirements in order to be eligible to become President. Name one of these requirements.
A. Must be a natural born citizen of the United States; must be at least 35 years by the time he/she will serve; must have lived in the United States for at least 14 years.
52. Q. Why are there 100 Senators in the Senate?
A. Two (2) from each state
53. Q. Who selects the Supreme Court justices?
A. They are appointed by the President
54. Q. How many Supreme Court justices are there?
A. Nine (9)
55. Q. Why did the Pilgrims come to America
A. For religious freedom
56. Q. What is the head executive of a state government called?
A. Governor
57. Q. What is the head executive of a city government called?

- A. Mayor
58. Q. What holiday was celebrated for the first time by the American colonists?
A. Thanksgiving
59. Q. Who was the main writer of the Declaration of Independence?
A. Thomas Jefferson
60. Q. When was the Declaration of Independence adopted?
A. July 4, 1776
61. Q. What is the basic belief of the Declaration of Independence?
A. That all men are created equal
62. Q. What is the national anthem of the United states?
A. The Star-Spangled Banner
63. Q. Who wrote the Star-Spangled Banner?
A. Francis Scott Key
64. Q. Where does freedom of speech come from?
A. The Bill of Rights
65. Q. What is the minimum voting age in the United States?
A. Eighteen (18)
66. Q. Who signs bills into laws?
A. The President
67. Q. What is the highest court in the United States?
A. The Supreme Court
68. Q. Who was the President during the Civil War?
A. Abraham Lincoln
69. Q. What did the Emancipation Proclamation do?
A. Freed many slaves
70. Q. What special group advises the President?
A. The Cabinet
71. Q. Which President is called the “Father of our country”?
A. George Washington
72. Q. What is the 50th state of the Union (United States)?

- A. Hawaii
73. Q. Who helped the Pilgrims in America?
A. the American Indians (Native Americans)
74. Q. What is the name of the ship that brought the Pilgrims to America?
A. the Mayflower
75. Q. What were the 13 original states of the U.S. called?
A. Colonies
76. Q. Name 3 rights or freedoms guaranteed by the Bill of Rights
A. 1. The right of freedom of speech, press, religion, peaceable assembly and requesting change of government
2. The right to bear arms (the right to have weapons or own a gun, though subject to certain regulations)
3. The government may no quarter, or house, soldiers in people's home during peacetime without the people's consent
4. The government may not search or take a person's property without a warrant
5. A person may not be tried twice for the same crime and does not have to
6. A person charge with a crime still has some rights, such as the right to a trial and to have a lawyer
7. The right to trial by jury in most cases
8. Protects people against excessive or unreasonable fines or crucial and unusual punishment
9. The people have rights other than those mentioned in the Constitution
10. Any power not given to the federal government by the Constitution is a power of either the state or the people
77. Q. Who has the power to declare war?
A. The Congress
78. Q. Name one amendment which guarantees or address voting rights.
A. 15th, 19th, 24th, 26th
79. Q. Which President freed the slaves?
A. Abraham Lincoln
80. Q. In what year was the Constitution written?
A. 1787
81. Q. What are the first amendments to the Constitution called?
A. The Bill of Rights
82. Q. Name one purpose of the United Nations.

- A. For countries to discuss and try to resolve world problems; to provide economic aid to many countries
83. Q. Where does the Congress meet?
A. In the Capitol in Washington, D. C.
84. Q. Whose rights are guaranteed by the Constitution and the Bill of Rights?
A. Everyone's (citizens and non-citizens living in the U.S.)
85. Q. What is the introduction to the Constitution called?
A. The Preamble
86. Q. Name one benefit of being a citizen of the United of States.
A. Obtain a federal government jobs, travel with a U.S. passport, petition for close relatives to come to the U.S. to live
87. Q. What is the most important right granted to U.S. citizens?
A. The right to vote
88. Q. What is the United States Capitol building?
A. The place where Congress meets
89. Q. What is the White House?
A. The President's official home
90. Q. Where is the White House located?
A. Washington, D.C. (1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.)
91. Q. What is the name of the President's official home?
A. The White House
92. Q. Name one right guaranteed by the first amendment
A. Freedom of: speech, press, religion, peaceable assembly, and, requesting change of government
93. Q. Who is the commander in Chief of the U.S. military?
A. The President
94. Q. Which President was the first Commander in chief of the U.S. military?
A. George Washington
95. Q. In what month do we vote for the President?
A. November
96. Q. In what month is the new President inaugurated?

- A. January
97. Q. How many times may a Senator be reelected?
A. There is not limit
98. Q. How many times may a Congressman be reelected?
A. There is not limit
99. Q. What are the two major political parties in the U.S. today?
A. Democratic and Republican
100. Q. How many states are in the United States?
A. 50
- **101. Q. Name the Representatives of your state
A. Patrick Kennedy and James Langevin
- **102. Q. Who is the Speaker of the House?
A. Dennis Hastert
103. Q. What countries were our principal enemies in World War II?
A. Germany, Italy and Japan
104. Q. What countries were our principal enemies in World War I?
A. Germany, Austria-Hungary, and Turkey
105. Q. What countries were our principal aliens in World War I?
A. England, France and Russia